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October 31, 1995

James Warr 3384 West 13800 South Riverton, Utah 84065

Re:

Response to Variance Requests and Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention, Yankee Mine,

S/049/022, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Warr:

Division staff performed a site inspection of the Yankee Mine on October 3, 1995. The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the requests you made for variances from reclamation practices, #5, 10, 12, 13 and 14 as listed in the small mining operations notice of intention. We apologize for the delay in performing this inspection since your request for variances was made in August 1992.

The inspection began at the upper part of the permit area (the Belorophan mine), in Mary Ellen Gulch, as indicated on the map you submitted. After looking at the site as identified on the map submitted with the notice, the Division will grant a variance to item 10 (stockpiling topsoil prior to mining). This site has been heavily impacted by historic mining operations which did not include topsoil salvaging practices.

The Division will require you to comply with operation and reclamation practices as listed under items 5, 12, 13 and 14 of the small mining notice form for the project area. We cannot grant a variance to these items for the roads and pad areas re-impacted by this project.

If you have any questions in regard to this letter, please notify me or Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor, at the Division.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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